

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1 and 7, and add new claims 29-33 as reflected in the following listing:

1.(Twice Amended) A method of sending a video segment and an associated advertisement over a computer network, comprising:

- (a) acquiring a video segment at a computer system;
- (b) acquiring one or more advertisements at the computer system;
- (c) offering to a sender an opportunity to indicate a selection of an advertisement of the one or more advertisements to be associated with the video segment;
- (d) accepting from the sender the indication of a selection of the advertisement to be associated with the video segment; and
- (e) directly in response to the indication accepted in step (d), automatically at the computer system:
 - (i) assuring that the video segment is in a streaming video format;
 - (ii) creating an identifier for the video segment;
 - (iii) associating the video segment and the advertisement; and
 - (iv) sending the video segment, the identifier, and the associated advertisement over the computer network to a receiving computer system.

2.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of offering to a sender an opportunity to indicate a selection of an advertisement of the one or more advertisements includes a criterion selectable by the sender.

3.(Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said criterion is one of a subject of the advertisement, a length of the advertisement, and a remuneration paid for selecting the advertisement.

4.(Previously Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said criterion includes affirmatively leaving the selection to the determination of said computer system.

5.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of offering to a sender an opportunity to indicate a selection of an advertisement of the one or more advertisements includes a default selection to be made if the sender fails to indicate a selection.

6.(Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the default selection includes a substantially randomized selection of an advertisement.

7.(Amended) The method of sending a video segment and an associated advertisement over a computer network, comprising:

- (a) uploading a video segment from a sender computer system to a server computer system;
- (b) selecting, using the sender computer system, an advertisement stored at the server computer system; and
- (c) transmitting from the sender computer to the server computer system an indication of the selected advertisement ~~an indication of an intent to send the video segment and the advertisement over the computer network~~, the indication causing the server computer system automatically to:
 - (i) assure that the video segment is in a streaming video format;
 - (ii) create an identifier for the video segment;
 - (iii) associate the video segment and the advertisement; and
 - (iv) send the video segment, the identifier, and the associated advertisement over the computer network to a receiving computer system.

8.(Original) The method of claim 7, wherein selecting an advertisement comprises selecting an advertisement using a criterion chosen by an operator of the sender computer system.

9.(Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said criterion is one of a subject of the

advertisement, a length of the advertisement, and a remuneration paid for selecting said advertisement.

10.(Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said criterion includes leaving said selection to the determination of said server computer system.

11.(Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said selection includes a substantially randomized selection of an advertisement.

12.(Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said selection is based on a price paid by an advertiser.

13-28. (Canceled)

29.(New) A method for operating a video-sharing server on a network comprising:
storing a plurality of advertisements;
receiving from a client a video, an electronic mail address, and a selection of one of the plurality of advertisements;
confirming that the video is in a streaming video format;
storing the video at a network-accessible location;
generating an identification tag including a link to the network-accessible location;
generating an electronic communication containing the link and addressed to the electronic mail address; and
transmitting the electronic communication.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein receiving the video includes at least one of receiving an FTP upload, receiving an HTTP post, receiving an electronic mail, and receiving an instant message.

31. (New) The method of claim 29 further comprising publishing the link to a Web page.

32. (New) The method of claim 29 further comprising receiving a mailing list including a plurality of e-mail addresses and transmitting the electronic message to the plurality of e-mail addresses.

33.(New) The method of claim 29 wherein link includes one or more of a path, a URL, an IP address, and a file name.